THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Airlines start air services to domestic/foreign destinations from domestic/international airports in India depending upon bilateral agreements, traffic requirements and commercial viability etc. At present, there are no proposals to link Gaya with Tokyo and Taipeh or Delhi.

Development of Pune Chakan International Airport

1582. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow MIDC to develop Pune Chakan International Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) There is a proposal for development of a Greenfield International Airport at Pune by MIDC under joint venture with private participation. The site suggested by State Government of Maharashtra is under technical evaluation.

New international air services

†1583. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:
SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to start new air services to foreign countries;

(b) the number of countries where Indian air services are operating, at present; and

(c) the names of the countries with whom talks are going on for starting air services alongwith the details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.